

HOUSE BILL 7021

By Davis A

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to threats of mass violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

(a) A person commits an offense who knowingly threatens to commit an act of  
mass violence against another and frightens the other person.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a violation of subsection (a)  
is a Class E felony.

(2) If the defendant threatened to commit an act of mass violence against  
the other person due to the person's status as a healthcare provider who  
provides gender-affirming care, then the violation of subsection (a) is a hate  
crime, and shall be punished one (1) classification higher than otherwise  
provided.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Gender-affirming care" means medical treatment that is intended to  
support and affirm the patient's gender identity;

(2) "Healthcare provider" means healthcare professionals,  
establishments, or facilities licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant  
to title 63 or title 68 and regulated under the authority of either the department of  
health or an agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of  
health; and

(3) "Mass violence" means the same as provided in § 39-16-517.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.